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What to do if traffic police themselves build kiosks, park vehicles on footpaths, obstruct pedestrians' right of way?

POLICEWORK ON FOOTPATH

Kiosk in front of St Mark's Cathedral on MG Road

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Law mandates the traffic police to ensure footpaths are free from parking of vehicles. Bangalore Mirror has been repeatedly stressing in its stories, as recently as two weeks ago, that footpaths are primarily meant for pedestrians.

Parking vehicles on pavements or footpaths is an offence under Section 283 of the Indian Penal Code. That said, what to do when traffic police themselves park vehicles on the footpath or put up obstructions in the pedestrian's path?

For instance, a traffic police kiosk is set up on the footpath in front of St Mark's Cathedral on Mahatma Gandhi Road. As if this was not enough, the traffic police have blocked the footpath at the spot with concrete bricks. Those who visit MG Road said the kiosk has become an eyesore.

"It is sad to see traffic police struggling to regulate vehicular movement from this kiosk that has

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KAUSHIK JN

"I hope no pedestrian will be penalised for walking on the road here
– Krishna Reddy, a pedestrian

Manning the Jam

Shortage of traffic police in specific stretches leading to frequent violations, commuters complain

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There are specific areas in Bengaluru where citizens find it hard to spot traffic police personnel. According to residents, Yemalur, Bellandur, Sarjapur and even Indiranagar are amongst the many areas where there are frequent traffic jams but not enough traffic police to manage the fiasco.

"I have hardly seen traffic police personnel at the police booths near junctions. Due to this, commuters do not follow rules, often break signals and drive the way they want," said Jinit Parmar, a frequent commuter to Indiranagar.

Citizens BM spoke to said an increase in the traffic police workforce can help resolve traffic congestions in different parts of the city. "I travel from Domlur to Indiranagar and many times I do not see any traffic police. Despite following all the rules, I have encountered rash drivers," said Parmar.

According to the latest available data from the city police, as of April 6, 2020, the total number of traffic police personnel in the city was 4,999. The sanctioned strength is 5,308, with 309 vacant posts. This may seem like only a 5.82% difference.

However, commuters claimed that a lot of traffic violations can be reduced if the number of police personnel on the road can be increased.

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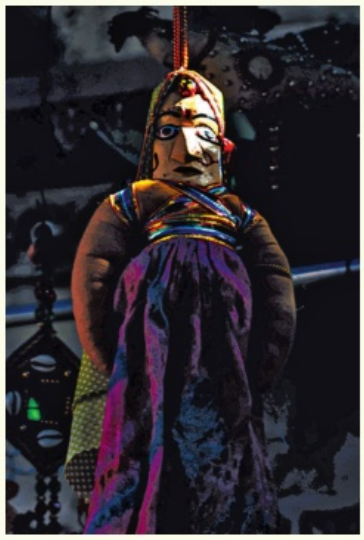
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Art lovers, unite



Catch the last day of a special exhibition by NGO 'The Barefoot College Tilonia'. From a crafts bazaar to a photo exhibition to puppetry and various forms of displays, be spoilt for choice at this event. There will also be a conversation about the NGO having completed 50 years of rural work.
Where: Bangalore International Centre
When: November 20, 11 am – 8 pm

02 Illusive experience

In its continued effort to support and celebrate budding artists in the city, the Brigade Group today unveiled a 3D art painting by renowned artist Badal Nanjundaswamy at Orion Mall at Brigade Gateway. The 3D painting is an illusion of an African elephant.
Where: Orion Mall, Brigade Gateway
When: Ongoing

03 Odissi Utsav

The Bengaluru Odissi Family presents its fourth edition of the Bengaluru Odissi Utsav. A one-day festival, this year's event will showcase almost 100 dancers from eleven of the Odissi institutes in Bengaluru. There will be performances by dancers from Mumbai, Amravati, Chennai, Mysore and Boston. Guest artist and Odissi exponent Rahul Acharya, will present, in the morning session, a talk on the Natyashastra and its relevance to Odissi. He is also set to perform in the evening session of the festival. **Where: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road; When: November 20, 9:45 am to 8 pm**

When pubs, eateries spread the FIFA cheer

From discounts to special screenings, restaurants and pubs are offering lucrative deals for football fans

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Football fans say live screenings are special because of company accompanied by food & drinks

In just a few hours, FIFA World Cup 2022 kicks off, and football fans in the city cannot hold their excitement and the city's restaurants, pubs, and cafes are gearing up to provide patrons with the ultimate match-viewing experience. Starting from setting up screens to giving special match discounts, eateries are leaving no stone unturned to provide the ultimate experience to football lovers.

For Studs Sports Bar and Grill, a sports bar, FIFA is a great deal. Miten Shah, co-founder, said, "The tournament comes every four years, and it brings a lot of excitement for each of us. The football fans of the English Premier League and UEFA champions league turn up here to cheer for their respective idols. The sports bar is filled to the brim with football fans during matches of teams like Brazil, Germany, or England."

Abhilash Menon, co-founder of Studs Sports Bar and Grill, added that a special setup is done with large projectors and screens to provide a stadium-like experience. They have even arranged a special cocktail menu specifically designed around competing teams which are also named after them. Chefs are also curating a special international sliders menu like Pollo Parmigiana a la Espagnol, Argentine Lamb Asado Slider, and Virgin Union Jack Slider. Apart from these, for each match, the restaurant DJ will play the competing country's authentic music.

Big Pitcher, another pub in the city is also preparing for the football crowd. Shane Mannas, sales, and marketing manager said that they have already set up screens at the pub on all the floors and people have started to call for reserving their tables during the matches. As a part of the World Cup, we have offered 30 per cent off on all the dishes here. We are expecting a lot of crowds since there are no more restrictions and more people have started going to office.

With no covid restrictions and people socialising like old times, eateries are set to make the most of FIFA season

A representative from Gilly's resto-bar, said, "We have a screen system where the sound is centralised. Live screenings are extremely popular here. We are expecting a lot of crowd this football season."

Football fans in the city have started making preparations as well. Ashish M, an IT professional staying in Dasarahalli, said, "I am a die-hard fan of Portugal, and for all the matches of Portugal, my friends and I will book a table at a sports pub to enjoy the match along with good food and drinks."

Ankush Jain, a freelancer staying in Sarjapur, said that since 2018, he has been waiting for this year's FIFA World Cup. "I stay in a gated apartment, and we have planned to set up a big projector and a screen on the open grounds inside so that all the football fans can enjoy the match together."

Cloudy with chances of rainfall

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Bengaluru is in the throes of a dry spell and light rainfall may occur on November 23 and 24, as per the latest forecast from the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

IMD officials say that the dry weather is prevailing over the state. For the next 48 hours, the city is likely to have a partly cloudy sky with fog/ mist during early morning hours in some areas. The maximum and minimum temperatures are very likely to be around 27 and 15 degree Celsius respectively.

The minimum temperatures are likely to be below normal at isolated places over north interior Karnataka in the next 48 hours. Bagalkot recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 9.8 degree Celsius in Karnataka.

Agriculture engineer and weather predictor Sanjay told Bangalore Mirror, "Light to moderate rain is likely over Bengaluru on November 22 and 23. A well-marked low-pressure area currently persists over Bay of Bengal and its movement is very variable. Rains will increase in coastal districts of Tamil Nadu from November 21 and 22."

IMD officials said that satellite image shows cloud formation due to a low-pressure system over the Bay of Bengal. The low pressure may intensify into a depression and move towards the Tamil Nadu coast in the next 48 hours.

The clouds are expected to move west northwestwards and intensify into a depression in the central part of the Bay of Bengal in the next 48 hours and is expected to move further northwest and cross the coast between north Tamil Nadu and south Andhra in the next three days.

Met experts predict a cloudy sky with fog/mist during early mornings in some areas in the city

‘Don’t neglect piles, fistula or fissure as 2% of such cases can lead to cancer in long run’

Are you bleeding while passing stools? Well, never ever ignore as a small blood drop may be an indication of colon cancer. However, if you visit the doctor at the earliest, even colon cancer can be easily treatable

On the occasion of World Piles Day, reputed Chief ColoRectal Surgeon of the country-Dr Parameshwara CM (MBBS, MS, FISCP, MBA-health care and Associated Professor of Surgery, CEO, and founder of SMILES institute of Gastroenterology) said that piles and fistula are lifestyle diseases. Dr Parameshwara answered a host of queries from Bangalore Mirror readers (phone-in programme) and busted myths associated with gastrointestinal (GI) problems. Excerpts:

● What are the causes of colon cancer and is it treatable?

■ If a person is bleeding in stools, it should not be ignored. Sadly, many people feel stigmatised and don’t consult a doctor. Ironically, many go to quacks for a quick fix without realising that they are just wasting money and time. A small percentage of the bleeding cases may end up being colon cancer. However, one need not worry as there are best treatments available and colon cancer can be treated.

● Is piles sexually transmitted?

■ I want to clarify that this is never a sexually transmitted disease. We need to first eradicate myths and destigmatise the cases related to piles and fistula. Piles, fistula, and fissure cases are actually a window to the gastrointestinal system. Hence, these act as red flags and symptomatic should rush to a reputed doctor.

● Can food habits be blamed for piles or fissures?

■ During covid, many were conscious about food habits. Many people had gastroenteritis then as they were consuming a lot of kashaya. However, once covid subsided, people have gone back to eating unhealthy food like junk or processed food. So, the old diseases are back. We should understand that when a person was infected with covid, the virus was the last to pass via stools. But, the virus would have caused a lot of damage internally. We have seen an increase in piles; fistula and fissure cases post covid. Pre-covid, I was performing 130 to 140 surgeries but post-Covid, I am 200 surgeries. This is an indication of flare up of piles cases post Covid.

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Dr Parameshwara CM talks about a 97-year-old patient who was successfully treated, at the event on Thursday

TIPS TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS

“SMILES” is not just the name of Dr Parameshwara’s renowned hospital but also his motto for people to avoid developing GI problems, piles, fissures and similar ailments. He says “SMILES “ is key to healthy life and according to him, SMILES refers as:

S – Stop straining stools,
M – Medications and Meditation
I – Increase fibre in the diet
L – Lifestyle (healthier) learning for children or Lifestyle modification for adults
E – Eat healthily and Exercise
S – Say no to surgery with a smile”

● Can pregnant women undergo surgeries for piles, fissure or fistula?

■ Yes, we perform surgeries for pregnant women when the pain is unbearable. I have got cases where pregnant women plead for termination of a baby because of a flare up of gastrointestinal cases. Hence, when a pregnant woman is suffering, then we can go for laser treatment as a last resort. These surgeries can be performed for any of the trimesters. So far, in our hospital, we have conducted 268 surgeries for pregnant women.

● Do small kids get piles?

■ Yes, these diseases can occur for any age group. I have treated piles in a child who is as young as three years old. I have recently treated a 97-year-old patient as well. However, these diseases are lifestyle diseases and can be caused if one is suffering from indigestion. Even constipation can also lead to piles. People who work night shifts are also prone to piles. Even open defecation can lead to piles. Among kids, if the diapers are not changed at regular intervals then it can also cause infection.

● Are there medicines for piles?

■ Piles cases can be categorised into four grades. If the patient is suffering from grade one of the disease, then there is no need for operation and can be treated with medication and suitable modification in lifestyle. But, for grade two onwards, laser treatment is a must.

● What are the reasons for the recurrence of fistula?

■ There are multiple causes for the recurrence of fistula. Firstly, many fail to treat the root cause of the fistula which ends up in recurrence. Secondly, inexperienced surgeons handle it. Thirdly, not every fistula is the same. Fourthly, there is no single standardised formula to operate fistula and lastly not handling the root of the fistula. Fistula is mainly due to infection. However, in some rare cases, it can even be caused because of tuberculosis and cancer, etc. However, 90% of fistula cases occur because of infection. Out of the people who are suffering from fistula, around two per cent of the cases can turn into cancer.

National awareness is need of the hour

Dr Parameshwara pitched for a national awareness campaign for GI cases. “We have awareness for Covid, HIV, Hepatitis and all other diseases but why not for Piles, Fistula and Fissure. In fact, there is a rise in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases. Hence, I have written to the NITI Aayog to come up with a framework to create awareness on these GI diseases. As stigma is attached with GI diseases, not many come forward and silently suffer. There are cases where people suffer for decades and end up dying. So, it is high time we go for national awareness.” He said if there is widespread awareness, patients consult doctors and then get treated on priority basis. Besides this, there is a need to put an end to quackery. There are about 1.5 lakh conmen or quacks in India who make bogus claims of effectively treating ailments like anal fissures, fistulas and piles. They use all kinds of unscientific methods such as applying acids and powders to the affected area and performing cuts and incisions without any medical expertise whatsoever. “In most cases, these quacks leave those suffering from such ailments worse off than before,” said Dr Parameshwara.

97-yr-old finally gets relief

A 97-year-old man suffering from piles since he was aged 11 finally got relief, thanks to the timely intervention by Dr Parameshwara. “A 97-year-old man who had come from Mumbai read an article by Dr. Parameshwara CM in Bangalore Mirror. He reached the SMILES institute of Gastroenterology in two hours. He said that he had been suffering from piles since he was 11 years old. After examining him, we found out that the man was suffering from grade four piles. He was bleeding and he was not able to sit. In the next two hours, the man was operated on and when he reached home in the evening, he called and said that the smile missing in his face was back,” said Dr Parameshwara.

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Road fails geometry test

Experts, commuters cite poor road design as top cause for traffic chaos on Airport Road; stretch gets congested especially during peak hours, they say

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Why is Kempegowda International Airport Road (Old Bellary Road) chock-a-block especially during peak hours? Special commissioner (Traffic) MA Saleem blames it on poor road geometrics.

Saleem, who recently took over as the Special Commissioner for Traffic, visited the airport road and told BBMP engineers, "Traffic congestion in the city is not just on narrow roads. It is due to poor road designs. I want to share the example of KIA Road. From Windsor Manor junction to Hebbal, the entire road is full of poor road symmetry, which results in traffic congestion. At the Windsor Manor junction, the road is a four-laned one, and this suddenly narrows down to two lanes at BDA flyover.

Then the road widens, turning into three lanes till Cauvery junction underpass. The wide road narrows down again near Ramana Maharshi Park, only to widen to three-lane at Mekhri Circle underpass. From the Mekhri Circle underpass exit, the road becomes five lanes due to nearby ramps joining. The road width then decreases till Sanjay Nagar grade separator and widens into a three-lane road till Hebbal flyover."

He informed that during peak hour rush, at times, the travel time between Windsor Manor to Hebbal flyover is the same as the travel time between Hebbal flyover and KIA. In the reverse direction, a 12-lane flyover gets reduced to a two-laned one at Hebbal flyover, which clogs the traffic. Hence, a professional approach for designing the road, construction, and maintenance will go a long way in reducing the traffic congestion, he told Bangalore Mirror.

He said that public transport will go a long way in decongesting city roads. The proposed metro and suburban train network may give a boost to public transport, but it is a long way before these projects are implemented.

Many motorists complain about the airport road's design too.

Prasanna Kumar, a motorist who regularly travels on this road, said that the airport road was made a signal-free junction between Hebbal and Windsor Manor in a hurried manner, which is why road geometrics were not followed. If one is travelling on the BDA flyover, the ascent becomes difficult as the gradient is quite high, he said, adding that many heavy vehicles slow down and the entire traffic comes to a standstill.

"This is the reason why police allow heavy vehicles to take the service road next to the BDA flyover by opening the barricade. These are the classic examples of poor road design. The Cauvery junction underpass situation is also well known," he told BM.

Sunil Gowda, another motorist, said, "It is not just the width of the road, but the uneven surface. You can't have smooth travel at all as the road is not laid properly. One can get a wobbling feeling while driving on the BBMP-built road. The road built by NHAI is comparatively better."

Traffic on Hebbal flyover; commuters alleged that airport road was made a signal-free junction in a hurry

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> –Sunil Gowda, motorist

KIA halt station needs more trains

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Activists want Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to increase the number of trains to and from Kempegowda International Airport halt station. They also want the travel time reduced to 45 minutes as covering a distance of 40 km in 1.5 hours is not efficient.

Vaishnaw was in Bengaluru on Saturday, inspecting various rail projects. Sources said that when he was visiting the KIA halt station in Devanahalli, he expressed displeasure about just a few trains being run and asked to increase the frequency. Currently, only eight pairs of trains are being run from different parts of Bengaluru to KIA Halt station.

Activists met the minister and put forth their concerns about various rail projects. Rail expert Sanjeev Dyamannavar said, "We met the rail minister today and expressed our concerns. He enquired about the airport train services and pointed out that eight pairs of trains are too few. We also expressed concerns about the journey time. For a distance of 30-40 km, it should not take more than 45 mins. The single line from Yelahanka to Chikkaballapur needs to be doubled, and while the work progresses, a crossing station should be set up at Dodjela or Bettahalasur. To maintain the running time, automatic signalling is needed, but the proposal for it has not been approved by the railway board."

8 pairs of trains run to/from KIA halt station

Vaishnaw reportedly asked railways officials to look into the proposal for automatic signalling and start work. Rail activists also requested the elimination of level crossings.

"We asked for all level crossings to be eliminated and it is being looked into. We also talked about the bottlenecks at BYP Channasandra single line and the Yeshwanthpur outer signalling issue," added Dyamannavar.

The minister also asked why Bengaluru suburban rail was not being implemented on the Mumbai Suburban rail model where the costs are borne by the state government and implementation is done by railways.

Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan urged the minister to speed up Bangalore Cantonment-KR Puram-Whitefield quadrupling. "It will help in enhancing operational capacity and reduce the detention of trains at intermittent stations while benefiting nearly 62,000 commuters," he said in a tweet.

He also highlighted that Bengaluru has inadequate long-distance rail connectivity and requested the minister to immediately start operations of 11 train services. He asked for:

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Crumbling gym
Boulevard Park

Boulevard Park gym needs urgent repair work. Almost all the equipment is damaged.

THE SUNDAY READ

Nutty flavour

CCTVs to keep an eye on kadalekai parishe; students make efforts to keep event plastic free

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With the kadalekayi parishe officially kick-starting from Sunday, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike is expecting around five lakh people to turn up in the next four days. Crowd management is definitely a big challenge and so authorities have decided to install CCTVs all around the parishe area.

Due to the huge crowds expected, around 500 to 600 policemen along with home guards are to be posted at the parishe area in Basavanagudi.

BBMP's Special Commissioner Jayaram Raipura said, "The kadalekai parishe is one of the oldest festivals of the city that blends tradition with modernity. It has a history of more than 450 years. In fact, if we go back to history, Kempegowda built the fort in 1537. Probably, Kempegowda had visited Sunkenahalli (the present Basavanagudi area) where the local farmers were growing groundnuts. There are many beliefs that the ground nuts were being offered to the bulls. It is also believed that one of the streams attached to Vrishabhavathi takes birth from this place."

This year's parishe is being organised in a grand manner after a two-year covid break. Hence, a number of cultural programmes including classical music programme, street play, Bharatanatyam, Harikathe, Sugama Sangeeta and Yakshagana are being organised. Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai will officially inaugurate the fest on Sunday evening and is expected to take a walk around the parishe area. The organisers said that temporary parking facilities for the visitors were made at APS College and Kohinoor grounds.

> **"The kadalekai parishe is one of the oldest festivals of the city that blends tradition with modernity**
> – Jayaram Raipura, BBMP

Interestingly, the parishe is all about ground nuts and BBMP officials say that one can get a variety of groundnuts for the next four years. For this purpose, the groundnut farmers have already arrived in the city with temporary sheds being put up for them. This year, around 500 to 600 shops are likely to come up. The shops have already come up by Saturday and the farmers from as far as Chitradurga will be selling the locally grown ground nuts.

This year, the BBMP is organising a Theppotsava at the nearby Kempambudhi lake. Raipura said that the Theppotsava will also be inaugurated on Sunday. However, CM Bommai will not be part of Theppotsava as the lake is still being rejuvenated. He, however, said the public will be allowed to watch the Theppotsava. During the season, the theme park at Bugle rock will also be inaugurated. As the temples are expected to witness heavy rush, LED screens will be placed all around.

Keep it plastic free

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Trying to make the kadlekai parishe plastic-free, students of BMS College of Engineering will put in efforts like supplying cloth bags and conducting plog runs after the event.

BBMP, KSPCB and the students will join efforts for this initiative. Approximately, 2.5 lakh people visit the event which leads to the large use of plastic bags and littering every year.

A member of the BMS college of engineering, social responsibility cell, Dhruv Nagarajan Koundinya told BM, "To reduce plastic usage, we are surveying vendors. The team of college students will survey vendors to understand their needs. We are also trying to create awareness about the issue and have created a video asking fest-goers to get their own bags."

Additionally, paper bags and cloth bags will be distributed at the venue. Paper bags will be able to only hold weight not exceeding 1 kg. For other needs, the team has also made provisions for cloth bags that will be able to hold more weight.

"There are several kinds of cloth bags. The ones used by delivery apps are costly. To keep the cost at a minimum, we collected waste cloth from people and collaborated with Changemakers of Kanakapura Road to get the drive going. With their help, large quantities of clean waste clothes were secured. Further, these clothes were stitched into bags," added Koundinya.

Currently, the team has not decided whether to distribute the bags for free or at a minimal cost.

Apart from this, a Cheela Mela will also be conducted at the premises by NGO, Saahas. At the Cheela Mela, you can carry old clothes and get new bags.

To enforce the no-plastic rule, a team comprising students and marshalls will be stationed at the premises to create awareness among buyers.

After the big fest, the place is often littered with plastic bags and other litter. "This year, we will conduct a plog drive to ensure no plastic is left around as well."

Art, talks & more to celebrate B'luru's heritage

To mark Heritage Week being celebrated globally from November 19 to 25, Heritage Beku, a citizen-led group from Bengaluru, has started itsweek-long celebrations with a book discussion at the iconic landmark of Bengaluru, the Bandstand at the Cubbon Park on November 19.

With the four mighty structures of Atta Kacheri, Bandstand, Lord Cubbon's statue and the Visveswaraya Museum standing around like sentinels and the dappled evening light of Cubbon Park, the mood was set to celebrate Bengaluru's green heritage.

Heritage Beku is a group of Bengaluru's citizens who create inventive interventions to keep Bengaluru's and Karnataka's heritage relevant and protected by engaging with citizens and government.

The discussion on Roopa Pai's book, Cubbon Park – The Green Heart of Bangalore, was a natural selection, given that one of Bengaluru's most famous landmarks is the hero of the book. Cubbon Park, as it has become obvious over the years, holds a special place for all of Bengaluru's residents, a walker's park, a dog park, a lung space, a place for Sunday picnics, home to majestic buildings and the most precious of all – it's a living lab of our green heritage, nurtured by the Department of Horticulture, fiercely guarded by citizens.

Bengaluru's fashion icon Prasad Bidapa flagged off the event while Priya Chetty-Rajagopal, another well-known citizen and co-founder of Heritage Beku and animal rights was in conversation with Roopa Pai. Pai has authored about 20 books, of which, The Gita for Children won the Crossword Award (in the children's writing category).

As the discussion continued, artist Mridul Chandra, created a painting of the park, in her ink and wash style, which she later gifted to Roopa Pai. More virtual events by Heritage Beku will follow this through the week. All these events will be hosted on Heritage Beku's Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/HeritageBeku.

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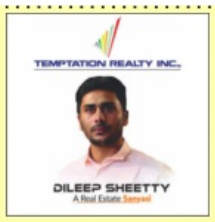

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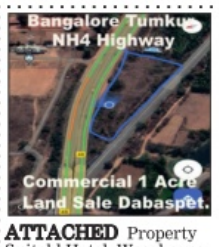

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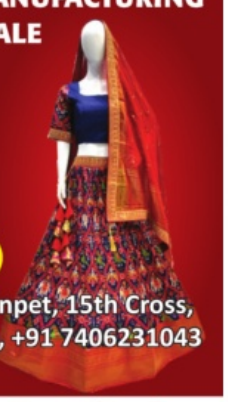

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Court grants bail to PSI scam accused

A Special Court in Bengaluru granted bail to two accused candidates in the Police Sub-inspector recruitment (PSI) scam.

Accused number one S Jagruth and accused number 17 Rachana Hanumantha were granted bail by the XXIII Additional City Civil and Sessions Court on Friday. Their bail applications were filed on October 14 and October 27 respectively.

The primary argument in the pleas was that the charge sheet has already been filed in the case and their continued incarceration wasn't required.

Senior advocate M S Shyamsundar argued the case for them. Jagrut has been in custody since July 2 and Rachana from August 28.

In the PSI recruitment list Rachana was awarded the first rank in the women's category while Jagrut was ranked fourth.

Their petitions for bail earlier were rejected by both the trial court and High Court.

Rachana and Jagrut had incidentally participated in a protest by the PSI candidates against the State government over the PSI scam on April 30.

But days later, both were named in the FIR along with others by the High Grounds police.

Rachana had secured 153 marks out of 200 in the written exam. The Forensic Science Laboratory, to which the police had sent their OMR answer sheets however, found discrepancies in it.

The PSI scam has snowballed into a major controversy in Karnataka with the alleged involvement of politicians, senior police officers and others. **PTI**

₹419 cr to put railways on track in Mysuru

Numerous rail projects on the cards for heritage city and hilly district of Kodagu

Due to an increase in ridership, there is a plan to extend the stations around Mysuru railway station in three years' time. Kadakola, Ashokapuram, Belagola, Naganahalli and other railway stations are part of the project. As of now, Vande Bharat and Shatabdi trains connect Mysuru with Bengaluru and Chennai.

"The development of Mysuru railway station and Nagenahalli station are being taken up at a cost of Rs 419 crore and scheduled to be completed in three years' time. There are plans to extend many trains that are currently terminating at Mysuru till the border district of Chamarajanagar," said Mysuru MP Pratap Simha.

He added, "For the renovation of Ashokapuram railway station, Rs 15.17 crore has been estimated for the first phase and Rs 13.39 crore for the second stage. The work will be completed in June 2023 and it includes three platforms. This requires acquisition of 5,310 square metres of government land and 344 square metres of private land. The work will start after the formal transfer of land."

According to Simha, requests have been made to the Union railways minister for allocation of more funds for developing Naganahalli Satellite Railway Terminal. An additional fund is required for land acquisition, removal of railway staff quarters and adding three additional lines, pit lines and other development works.

So far, seven acres of land has been acquired for building a Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) shed at Mysuru.

"We are planning rehabilitation for those staying in railway quarters. Those who live in quarters will be shifted to the quarters belonging to Central Food Technological Research Institue (CFTRI), Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), and other quarters and will pay rent to those quarters. We will also take private apartments for rent. For this, DPR has prepared tenders that will be called by January 15, 2023," he explained.

Meanwhile, there are plans to extend the rail network to the hilly district of Kodagu. The MP told Bangalore Mirror that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Mysuru-Kushalnagar project will be taken up next year and currently a final survey report is being awaited. There is a plan to construct an underpass near Crawford Hall. **– Prakash VL**

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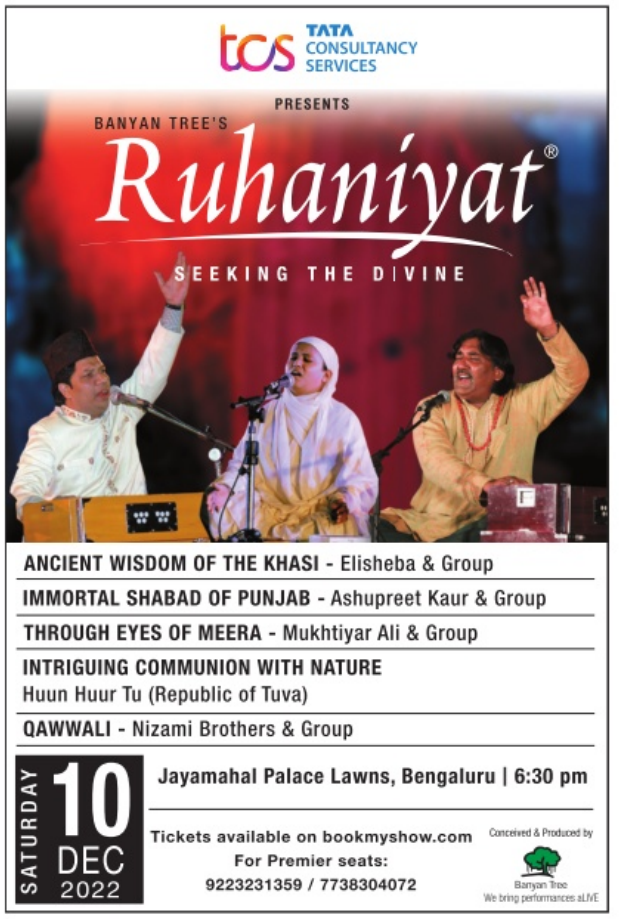
He will be back in Bengaluru soon: RCB on AB de Villiers

Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) said on Saturday that former legendary South African batter AB de Villiers will be "back in Bengaluru soon".

It is not clear yet if de Villiers will join the franchise again under some capacity.

"Abraham Benjamin de Villiers Forever! #OnThisDay last year, the man who brought joy to millions of cricket fans, our favourite superhero, @ABdeVilliers17, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. But... he'll be back in Bengaluru soon! #PlayBold #ABForever," tweeted RCB.

Notably, de Villiers was in Bengaluru recently. His appearance raised speculations about his return to RCB in some capacity. "I am here to chat with RCB guys for next year's IPL," de Villiers had said in a video posted by the franchise on November 3. de Villiers is also an RCB Hall of Famer. **ANI**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DESPAIR OVER REPAIR SCAM

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The arrest of a person who was duping people on the pretext of providing repair services has put the spotlight on such cases in the city.

Cyber Economic and Narcotics Crime police, northeast division, arrested a man in Gurappana Palya, on Saturday after he duped a person posing as a refrigerator mechanic.

According the police, the accused has been identified as Abdul, a 25-year-old.

A person found a toll-free number of a website for refrigerator repair. The customer spoke to Abdul who introduced himself as the authorised personnel of a leading white goods company. The accused asked the customer to send a photo of the refrigerator. After getting the photos, the accused called the man and told him to pay Rs. 9,500 as an advance. After the payment was done, the culprit blocked the customer's number.

A case had been registered by the customer under section 1(c) (d) of the IT Act and section 419 and 420 of IPC on November 15.

Other residents in the city that BM spoke to told us about their brush with such fraudsters too.

Think twice before paying for parts and sundry as pseudo mechanics are on the prowl

Ananya, a resident of Ejipura, found a toll-free number on social media when her washing machine needed to be repaired.

"After a telephonic conversation, a person visited my house. He asked me to pay Rs 5,000 to get a new part of the machine. I don't know about the technicalities, so I gave him the money. He said he will be back in an hour. I waited for two hours and then called him again only to find out that the number doesn't exist," she said.

Ananya also filed a police complaint but the person was not caught.

In another such case, Sushant (name changed on request) said his wife had called a number available online for fridge repair.

"It was very professional. First, a receptionist picked the call and then asked us to share our address. They sent a mechanic to our home. He said that the compressor is gone and asked for Rs 15,000. After taking the money, he never came back. When we discussed this problem with our friends, we realised that it's a very common scam," he said.

Many are scared to even file a complaint thinking that the person knows their address and might harm them.

Mind your own business, stay off footpaths

No space for pedestrians on Infantry, Central and Cunningham Road footpaths

There is hardly any space on footpaths in the city as small businesses crop up everywhere. "We have noticed that a number of small kiosks are being set up on Cunningham Road. Pavements are cluttered and the look of the road is spoilt. It started with one florist and now four other kiosks have sprung up," said a resident of the city. They added that same was the case with Infantry Road and Central Street where furniture shops keep their furniture and mattresses on footpaths.

Another resident, Surendra Kumar, said, "We need to encourage walking in the city. This is the reason why pedestrians are demanding footpaths."

He wonders why the Bru at Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is silent over the issue. "Earlier, the BBMP had launched a campaign to free footpaths from encroachments. However, the announcements died a few weeks later and the business is back on footpaths. Hope, we will have a permanent solution to this," he added.

According to Nisha R, a college student, it looks like there is a competition to encroach each other's space. "The petty businesses encroach on footpaths. This forces the pedestrians to walk on the road. The motorists have a tough time riding," she said.

Anika R, a techie, added that the customers of this business end up blocking the way of other passing pedestrians. Some people also encroach footpaths by parking their vehicles on it. **BMB**

Pedestrians waylaid by police

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no facilities. It brings a bad name to Bangalore Traffic Police that spent crores of rupees for installing CCTV cameras in the city," said Subhash Chandra, a motorist.

With the traffic kiosk occupying the most of the space on the footpath, pedestrians are compelled to walk on the road making them vulnerable to accidents. Moreover, traffic police are authorised to penalise those walking on the road for obstructing traffic.

"I hope no pedestrian will be penalised for walking on the road here. Pedestrians have no other option than walking on the road since the traffic police kiosk occupied the space on the footpath," said Krishna Reddy, a pedestrian.

Meanwhile, Cubbon Park traffic police inspector Gopinath told BM that there is a plan to install a new kiosk at a suitable place near the traffic junction.

"We will remove the existing kiosk as soon as the new kiosk is installed," the inspector said.

Meanwhile, traffic police personnel were seen waiting in front of Jeevan Bhima Nagar traffic police station ready to penalise motorists for traffic violations.

Surprisingly, the police were oblivious to parking of vehicles on the footpath in front of traffic as well as law and order police stations. There is a 'No Parking' sign board in front of Jeevan Bhima Nagar police station, but parking of vehicles continues without restrictions.

Platform of the traffic kiosk in front of GPO at Thimmaiah Circle

"What is wrong if people park their vehicles on the footpath when the police themselves park vehicles there?" asked Manjunath K, a motorist.

When informed, Jeevan Bhima Nagar traffic police inspector Anilkumar said that he would take measures to ensure footpath free from parking of vehicles. "I will also advise Jeevan Bhima Nagar police not to park their vehicles on the footpath," he said.

The other obstruction on the footpath is the remnants of an old kiosk in front of the General Post Office, Dr BR Ambedkar Veedhi. Neither the traffic police nor the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) did anything to clear the concrete platform of the kiosk to make this footpath tidy, beautiful and pedestrian friendly.

On traffic police spread

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"Traffic police in the north division are not many as compared to the Central Business District (CBD). In the CBD, there are a lot of people and vehicle movement, so there are more police personnel. So, we have put forward requests to our higher authorities suggesting the need to increase the number of traffic police personnel in our area. This will make their presence felt and could help monitor traffic," said Savitha S, former deputy commissioner of police, traffic, north division.

Traffic experts are of the view that the main problem behind this is recruitment.

"Cities like Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata follow a ratio of one traffic policeman to a thousand citizens. Similarly in Bengaluru, it should be followed. There is a need to recruit police personnel; I believe now they have started the recruitment process and hope that shortly the vacancies will be filled up," said traffic expert MN Sreehari.

However, to manage traffic, city police are using technology including surveillance cameras and red-light violation detection cameras.

‘More buses, higher frequency needed’

With offices open post-covid, commuters want BMTC to run more buses to combat lack of space

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People boarding a BMTC bus; commuters complain that there is hardly any space to stand inside buses

Commuters in the city say that traveling on Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses is becoming difficult as most of them lack space and are congested. They say that the buses are overburdened and more buses need to be operational in the city.

Some of them reported that they have to wait for a long time to find a bus that has space inside.

Roshni Gupta, a commuter, told Bangalore Mirror that she takes the bus from Bannerghatta Road, and there have been times when she has had to wait for a bus to arrive for over 30 minutes. There have also reportedly been instances when three or more buses have passed consecutively with no place for new passengers to so much as stand.

Rishi Patil, another commuter, said, “I use the bus whenever I can because it is very convenient and pocket friendly. However, these days, getting on the bus is becoming very difficult because there is no space. Moreover, now that offices have started again, more people are using the buses. This is why it is important to increase their frequency.”

> **“There have been days when I have waited for more than an hour to get into a bus where I at least have space to stand**
> –Payel D’Souza, commuter

Payel D’Souza, also a commuter, said that there is a huge line of people who wait for buses in Brigade Road junction.

The bus stand is completely packed with people, she reported. Despite that, buses are infrequent, and the ones that come to the stop are already crowded with hardly any space to accommodate one or two more passengers, she told BM.

“There have been days when I have waited for more than an hour to get into a bus where I at least have space to stand,” D’Souza added.

Arnab Joshi, another affected commuter, said, “Last week, there was no bus to Majestic from Sarjapur Road for more than an hour between 6:20 to 7:20 in the evening. It is peak time, and it was very inconvenient for all of us who were waiting to go back home. After waiting for 30 minutes, I had no option but to book an auto.”

Commuters say that this is the case for almost all the bus stops in the city. Neeraj Kumar, one of them, said that there are very few buses from Hebbal to Silk Board and Banashankari. Commuters face a lot of problems, especially with morning buses, informed Kumar.

An official from BMTC, said, “In the future, we are planning to come up with more buses. We already have 300 electric buses Out of which 168 are functional. The rest will be on the road soon.

We are also planning to buy 900 more electric buses and 840 diesel buses.”

Voter data scam under investigation

DCP S Girish of the Whitefield division has stated that police are investigating the alleged illegal voters data scam by an NGO, Chilume. The investigation is based on the complaint filed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

“We are searching for the main accused, Lokesh. We will investigate and take legal action in this regard as well,” said Girish.

The Halasuru Gate Police has arrested the director of the NGO and an employee. The arrested individuals have been identified as Renuka Prasad and HR of the NGO, Dharmesh.

The duo will be presented Infront of the magistrate. The police are still not able to arrest Krishnappa Ravikumar, one of the directors of the NGO. It is said that he is one of the masterminds behind the scam, along with Lokesh. The wife of Ravikumar has also been taken into custody in connection with the allegations about voter ID revision.

Earlier, BBMP had given permission to the Chilume to create awareness about voting. But a complaint has been filed against the NGO on the charge of misusing the data.

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‘ET essential for businessmen’

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the Economic Times paper was an essential read for successful business owners. Speaking at the ET startup award programme on Saturday, Bommai said, “I am very happy that ET startup awards are being held every year in Bengaluru. ET is in the forefront as far as business or economics are concerned. It has an excellent standard of business reporting. Every businessman has to read it everyday. If he doesn’t read ET, he will miss a lot. A man who reads ET can hardly make any mistakes.”

‘Woman must have choice on what to wear’

BM talks to Iranian woman whose striking protest gathered attention in Bengaluru

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Niko in protest at Church Street

Thirty-year-old Iranian woman, Niko, who has been living in Bengaluru for the past 10 years, was surprised to learn that not many in India knew about the happenings in her home country. She decided to make a point with a unique protest.

Niko used a visually striking mode of protest -- she had tied herself to a streetlight pole on Church Street. “One day, I went to the street and asked people if they knew anything about Mahsa Amini, but everyone was clueless. It was strange because the entire world is talking about this movement and the huge population of India does not know of the issue. No celebrities or other influential people from India have extended their support either,” she said.

Protests have been raging in Iran after the death of 22-year-old Amini who was arrested by the Iranian police for allegedly violating the country’s law that requires women to cover their hair with a hijab.

Niko added that instead of calling it a protest, she would call it a ‘human rights act performance’. It was a creative and safe act to receive attention from people in India and make them aware of the situation in Iran. Her act on November 17 in Church Street was an attempt to show solidarity to the protests in her homeland and demonstrate the death of Khodanoor Lajai, a protester who was handcuffed to a flagpole and later died. Unable to go to her country because of the current agitation, Niko, who married an Indian, decided to gather support from here.

“There is a lot of misunderstanding about the movement because of how it has been portrayed. The movement is not anti-hijab or anti-Islam. We are against forced hijab. It is for women to have freedom to choose what they want to wear,” Niko explained.

Speaking on the hijab movement in Karnataka, Niko said that it is equally wrong. She believes that women should have the right to decide what they want to wear.

> **“The movement (in Iran) is not anti-hijab or anti-Islam. We are against forced hijab. We should be free to choose**
> –Niko

A month ago, she had walked from Mysuru Palace to Bangalore Palace with a flag that read ‘Women, Life, Freedom’. “The entire walk took almost three days, but it did not receive a lot of attention. I have been protesting alone all this time. Soon, I am planning to do a similar walk from Bengaluru to Pune, which might take around 12-14 days,” she said.

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A slightly smoother commute, in Panathur

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In a temporary relief to the many commuters using the Panathur Railway Underbridge (RUB), traffic cops altered the height barrier of the barricade to prevent the entry of heavy vehicles and ease congestion. The Panathur RUB had become infamous for its two-three-hour-long bottlenecks. Recently, several schoolchildren were unable to go through the stretch due to prolonged traffic jams on that stretch.

Due to the issue, children were unable to attend school. Children protested against the issue by holding a silent candlelight protest which garnered a lot of attention. On Friday, the HAL Airport traffic officials reduced the existing height barrier by 2 feet to prevent the entry of heavy vehicles and ease congestion. The HAL Airport traffic officials tweeted from their official handle regarding the implementation of the measure.

"It will help to effectively allow vehicles to pass. We hope current problems faced by commuters on this road will get some relief by preventing the entry of tankers and big vehicles," said the tweet.

Clement Jayakumar of Mahadevapura Task Force (MTF), said, "It's a small intervention to restrict heavy vehicles from entering Panathur railway vent and S-cross.

Earlier, there was a height-limiting barrier and now the height has been reduced further. We had asked for the height barrier to be reduced in a way so that heavy vehicle entry is prevented and school buses can pass through. The measure was discussed in the review meeting and implemented under the directions of MLA Arvind Limbavallli."

Residents using the stretch expressed joy at the minor intervention in decongesting the stretch.

"The height barrier has been reduced to 10 feet now. Currently, the barrier has been placed at the Panathur S-cross side and needs to be put at the Balagere side as well. This should allow traffic officials from deterring heavy vehicles like tankers from using the road. The RUB and S-cross are very narrow and will decongest the area. Previously, big construction vehicles used to pass the stretch and block the area. We assume that the now heavy vehicles will take a different route and changes should be visible in two-three days," said Sheetal Kulkarni of Balagere Connect.

Workers reduce height of the barricade to prevent entry of heavy vehicles

BangaloreMirror
BBMP in jam over Panathur traffic

Our November 11 story covered the silent protest held by school kids

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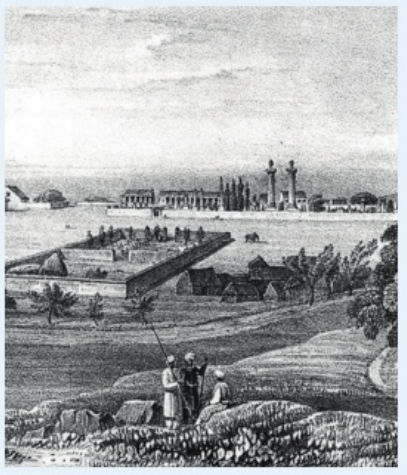

The Agaram Cemetery is an old Protestant cemetery in Bengaluru. Located inside the land of the Army Service Corps and behind the Army Officers Mess, it is the oldest Christian cemetery in the city and is not publicly accessible. The oldest grave from 1808 is that of Sgt Major Kelly, HM 59th Regiment of Foot. The cemetery was used until 1870, and has accommodated graves of over 820 British officials, civilians and pastors. Each tombstone has a story behind it, reflecting on the personality of the persons. In the early 1900s, the Agaram Cemetery became full and stopped being used. The Indian Christian Cemetery on Hosur Road came up around the same time. (with inputs from ET)

GET HEARD WITH MIRROR

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Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

TAPTHECHATTER

where Bengalureans speak their mind

Which is your most favourite weekend activity in Bengaluru?

Tahir, BM Reader
The most favourite weekend activity for me is to leave home for a drive in the night after 10 pm, explore different areas of the city and finish off at any ice cream joint and be back home.

Sumona Jana, BM Reader
My most favourite weekend activity is strolling around MG Road, Church Street and Brigade Road. The crowd is very artsy, young and full of life. I feel energised looking them performing or just crossing by. Along with this, food and drinks too and enjoying the live music they play on the streets.

Aparna Singh, BM Reader
Weekends start with heading to Church Street and checking out bookstores along the street. Lunch at any cafe followed by a show at the planetarium is the most favourite activity for me.

Samyukta Kumar, BM Reader
Weekends mean some piping hot South Indian breakfast. I have to wake up early and stand in the never-ending queues of either of the famous dosa joints in the city along with some mouth-watering coffee.

Sphurthi, BM Reader
My favourite weekend activity is roaming in Cubbon Park and the central part of the city. The fun-filled moments and furry friends are best ways to reduce the stress of the week. One dosa and filter coffee along with catching up with all my friends is all that I need to recharge.

Aditya Kamble, BM Reader
Bannerghatta National Park is an ideal place for spending the weekend because one can observe nature in its entire raw wilderness. It is also perfect for a family outing.

SPEAK TO US

How can the city be more accessible to the differently abled?

If you want to be featured in this section, mail us your answer to this question, in 25 words, with 'Tap The Chatter' in the subject line. Mail us with your name, occupation & a picture at mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com or WhatsApp us on 9591233247

HEALTH TIP: Decluttering sounds like a big project, but setting aside just 20 minutes a week can help in staying happy

The next time you have fresh herbs on hand that you don't need, freeze them to use them later instead of throwing them away

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From the land of Amritsar

These ever-popular dishes are sure to make cooking fun on a lazy Sunday

AMRITSARI TAWA MEAT

INGREDIENTS

- Mutton boti: 200gm
- Onion chopped; 80gm
- Mutton stock: 100 ml
- Tomato puree: 60gm
- Garlic chopped: 5 gm
- Green chillies: 2 gm
- ghee: 5 gm
- Coriander crushed: 1 gm
- Hung curd: 60gm
- Salt: To taste
- Garam masala: 2 gm
- Kasoori Methi: 1 gm
- Deggi chilli: 2 gm
- Cardamom powder: 1 gm
- Garam masala: 1gm
- Black pepper: 1gm
- Coriander chopped: 2gm
- Ginger chopped: 1gm
- Lemon juice: 5 ml

Prep Time: 25-30 mins Cooking Time: 1-1.3hrs Serves 2

METHOD

- Take mutton boti, marinate with yogurt and spices and keep aside for 6 hours. Then take the marinated lamb and thread the pieces of mutton on to the skewers. Roast in tandoor till slightly charred. Take oil in a tawa add onion chop, garlic chop, green chilli chop, coriander crushed. Add onion and garlic and sauté till golden brown. Add cooked mutton boti and mix well. In a tawa then add Kasoori Methi and garam masala and cook. Add mutton stock and little tomato puree and cook till semi dry. Garnish with coriander and lemon juice.

SARSON KA SAAG

INGREDIENTS

- Fresh mustard leaves (Sarson): 5 bunches
- Fresh spinach leaves (Palak): 1 bunch
- Bathua: 1 bunch
- Ghee: 5 tbsps
- Ginger sliced: 2 (one-inch pieces)
- Garlic chopped: 6-8 cloves
- Onions sliced: 2 (medium)
- Green chillies: 4
- Salt: to taste
- Cornmeal/ makkai ka atta: 2 tbsp
- Red chilli whole: 5
- Cumin seeds: ½ tbsp

Prep Time: 25-30 mins Cooking Time: 1-1.3hrs Serves 4

METHOD

- Wash and cut all three leafy vegetables, put the vegetables, green chilies with adding of salt in the pot and leave over the slow flame till it get cooked properly. Add maze flour and grind to a coarse paste. Add ghee in a pan, add cumin seed, whole red chili, chop garlic, chop onion and cook till golden brown. Add coarse paste to the tempering and adjust the seasoning. Serve hot with makki ki roti.

AMRITSARI TANDOORI RAAN

INGREDIENTS

- Mutton Leg: 700 gm
- Red wine vinegar: 50ml
- Mustard Oil: 20gm
- Ghee: 15 ml
- Ginger-garlic paste: 20 gm
- Deggi chilli: 15 ml
- Onions sliced: 100 gm
- Raw papaya paste: 5 gm
- Tomato puree: 50 gm
- Salt: 5 gm
- Cardamom large: 2
- Clove: 2
- Bay leaf: 1
- Lemon juice: 10 ml
- Garam masala: 5 gm
- Coriander chopped: 5 g

Prep Time: 10-15 mins Cooking Time: 45 mins Serves 2

METHOD

- Make a few slashes ½" deep in the meat to enable absorption of spices. First marinated with salt, red chilli powder, ginger garlic paste and raw papaya paste and keep aside for 1 hour. and the above spices. Wrap in a clean wrap and then in a silver foil, so that the juices and the spices get into the meat. Take mustard oil add onion and sauté till golden brown then add marinated mutton leg and cook for 30 min then add tomato puree and all the spices and garam masala and cook till tender. Marinate and roast in a tandoor; after getting a colour to the meat, make julienne and sauté in a its gravy.

By Chef Prabhjeet Singh, Chef De Cuisine, Falak, The Leela Bhartiya City Bengaluru

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've been with my husband for five years and it's a second marriage for me. I have one daughter and he is amazing with her. He's also a good partner and, in fact, everyone adores him. On the surface of it, there's nothing not to like and I know a lot of my friends are envious because they keep telling me how lucky I am to be married to him. It's started to annoy me that everyone thinks he's so great. I've just stopped fancying him - I don't really know when it happened and I don't know if I can get that feeling back. I've started to look at other men, which I've never done before. We still have sex and he has no idea I have these feelings. When I think about leaving him, I feel so guilty about my daughter who loves him so much. Please help!

COLEEN SAYS

OK, forget about other people for a minute and focus your mind on your relationship. What's not working that used to work before, and can you resolve it? I think if you were happy and there was good sexual chemistry between you, then you can get it back, but it requires effort from both of you. You have to take the plunge and start with a conversation. What aren't you getting from him and the relationship that you need? What used to turn you on, make you laugh and make you feel good about yourself and your life together? You have to unpick it and talk about how you can reconnect with each other. Every relationship needs work - you can't just sit back and expect it to fend for itself because you risk sliding into a rut. I don't think the answer is to think another guy is the solution. So, before you risk going down that route, try being honest with him. If you try and you still have these feelings, you can't stay in the marriage. But if you try, then you can leave knowing you did your best to make it work.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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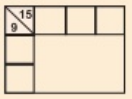
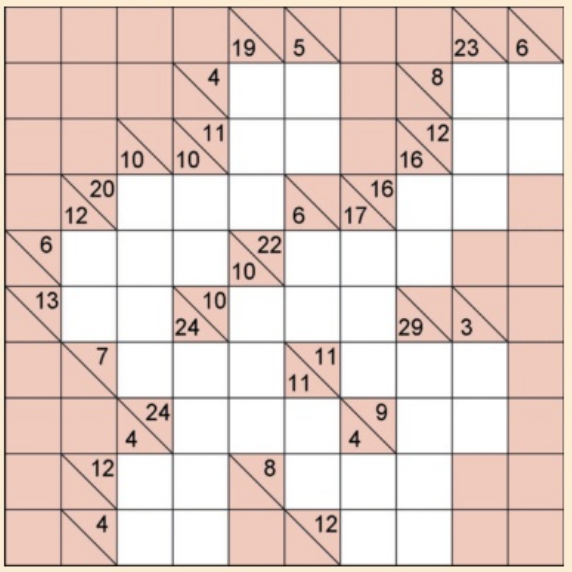
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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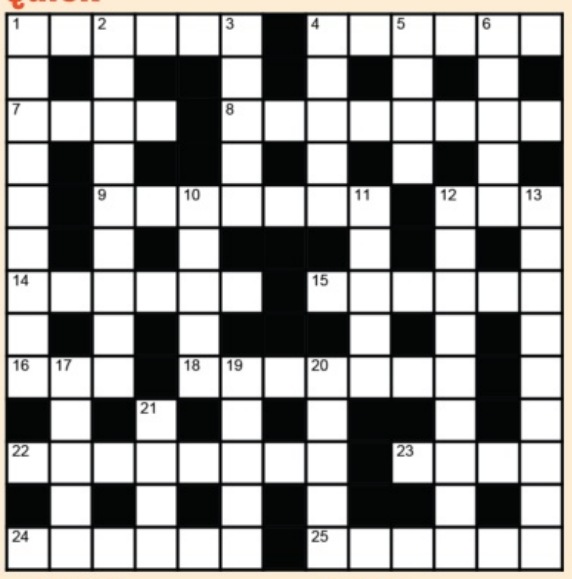


ACROSS

1 Poisonous snakes (6)
4 Escapades or pranks (6)
7 Plunder (4)
8 Makes intelligible (8)
9 Betrothed (7)
12 Lad (3)
14 Erupted or exploded (6)
15 Dangers or hazards (6)
16 Pull laboriously (3)
18 Spoke indistinctly (7)
22 The ____ owner : own by law and righteousness? (8)
23 Timber (4)
24 Train ride requirement? (6)
25 All and ___ : everyone? (6)

DOWN

1 Vivid (9)
2 It comes back when you've thrown it (9)
3 Biblical queen (5)
4 Common fruit (5)
5 Street-car (4)
6 Part of a long poem (5)
10 Glint, a faint light (5)
11 Reside (5)
12 Cover the eyes (9)
13 Twenty four hours back? (9)
17 Karnataka town whose name is associated with South Indian food (5)
19 In poor shape (5)
20 Lamp items (5)
21 Bard of Avon, abbr. (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS T

JZMX FOP ODIH PAH WP PAH WQZWZPA DEH ZA D BUDXX PV WOHZE PFA.

Linemaro

Before you run, let me tell you that I'm not a freak!

Mindchow

Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect

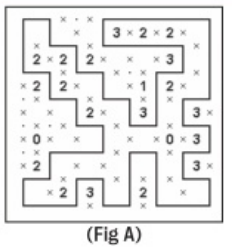
Joke of the day

I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder

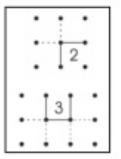
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



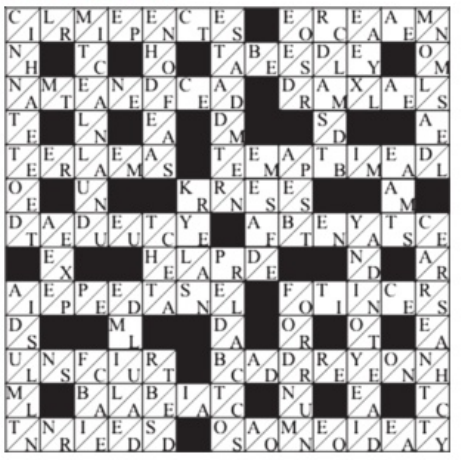
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				H

ACROSS

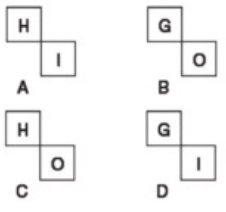
1 Argon; 6 Buy ad;
7 I mod I; 8 Rip us;
9 To Hot

DOWN

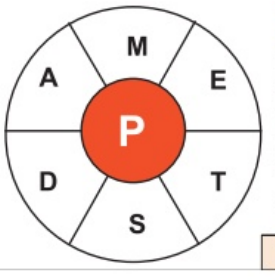
1 I dost; 2 Road I;
3 Uri go; 4 U-boat;
5 MPH NY

Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing section?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

14 Average; 16 Good; 18 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

2			4		7			8
6				2				3
9	8						5	2
		5	1		6	9		
		8	5		2	3		
4	7						2	1
5				4				9
8			3		1			6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

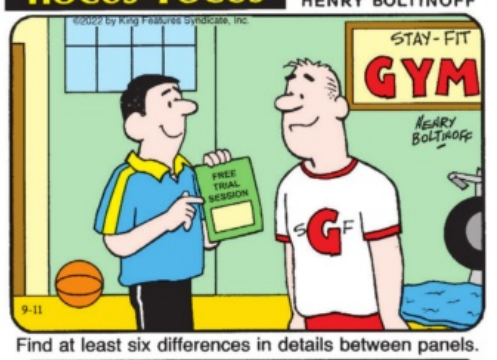
Easy = 24
4 6 7 7

Medium = 22
4 5 6 7

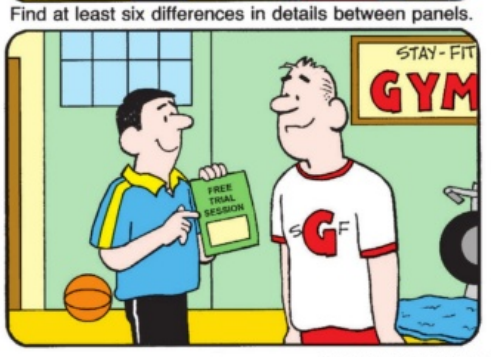
Hard = 16
1 5 7 3

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



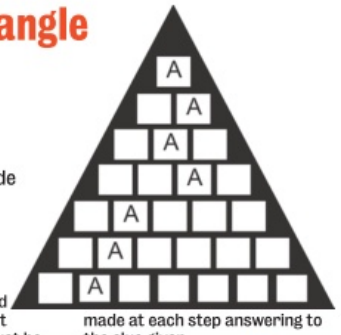
Differences: 1. Sleeve is longer. 2. Ball is moved. 3. Sign is moved. 4. Man is taller. 5. Ear is larger. 6. Hair is different.

Riddler

Which Shakespearian character might have been on CAT PAROLE?

Alpha triangle

1 Blood group
2 Bye!
3 Renegade
4 Sign of remorse
5 Afterwards
6 Not so short!
7 Relating to the side



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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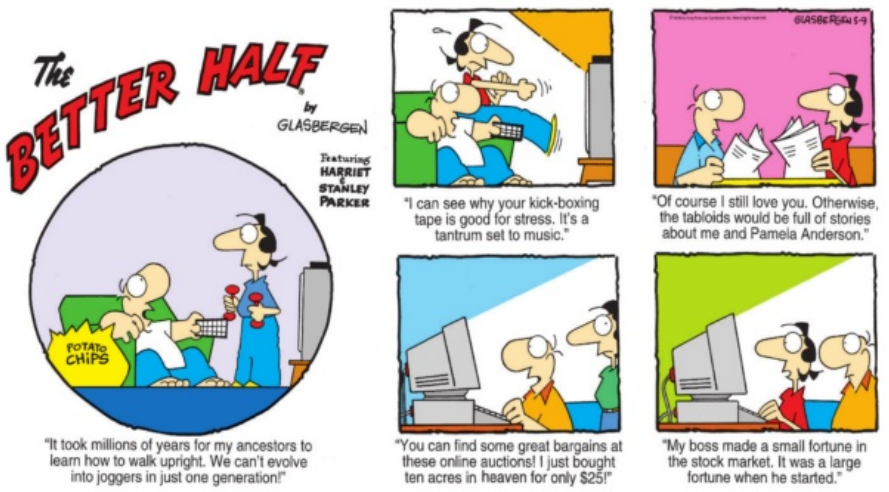

The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
POTATO CHIPS
"It took millions of years for my ancestors to learn how to walk upright. We can't evolve into joggers in just one generation!"
"I can see why your kick-boxing tape is good for stress. It's a tantrum set to music."
"Of course I still love you. Otherwise, the tabloids would be full of stories about me and Pamela Anderson."
"You can find some great bargains at these online auctions! I just bought ten acres in heaven for only $25!"
"My boss made a small fortune in the stock market. It was a large fortune when he started."

BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
WHERE'S DAD?
HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO FIND A QUIET SPOT TO READ.
OKAY, THANKS.
HOW DID YOU-?
PLEASE, I KNOW EVERY HIDING PLACE IN THIS HOUSE.

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
BY FAILING TO USE HIS "SPIDER-POWER" WHEN HE HAD THE CHANCE, PETER PARKER ALLOWED A CRIMINAL TO ESCAPE THE LAW--A CRIMINAL WHO WOULD LATER MURDER PETER'S GENTLE UNCLE BEN!
THUS DID SPIDER-MAN LEARN THE FATEFUL TRUTH: WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY!

J. JONAH JAMESON IS MAN OVERBOARD IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES...
Sputter! H-HELP... Sputter!
TURN AROUND! WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK FOR HIM!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? WITH GATOR'S AND PYTHONS ALL AROUND HIM-
-HEADED FOR THAT SCALY GUY WITH THE TAIL!?
THIS BOAT ISN'T STOPPIN' TILL WE HIT CIVILIZATION!
JAMESON CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF!
Sputter! M-MADE IT-TO SHORE!
BUT I'M STILL BETWEEN ALL THOSE BEASTS-
-AND THE LIZARD!
STAN LEE 7-3 GARCIA / SINNOTT
PUBLISHER-PERISH?

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today the moon will make you happy. You may use your patience at every stage. Your performance may be good at work. You might get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues of family members will be resolved now. Jobseekers are likely to get suitable jobs in their domain. Lovebirds may enjoy dates.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may have mixed situations around you. It is advised to not expect more from anyone as it may leave you disappointed. Today you may be in a state of self-exploration and analysis, which may allow you to filter yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confident and be able to prepare for new challenges.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, dissatisfaction may leave you feeling a little low. You may not be able to enjoy your work day. You may have a lack of patience, which may affect your way of working. Silly mistakes may be happening, so be mindful. You are advised to practice meditation or yoga. You may also visit some spiritual places for seeking peace.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel energetic. Your speed of working may be noticeable. You may perform difficult tasks in an easy way. Disputes between siblings may be settled now, which may lead to happiness in your family. Your focus towards your goals may be noticeable, which will bring you success on the work front.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may expect to get some inherited assets. You may perform with patience on the work front, which may increase your efficiency. You will be polite with the people around you. You may put in less effort in your day-to-day work. You might use your communication skills to get new work.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may give you patience. Externally, you may face some work-related stress, but your inner senses will be calm and cool, which will help you balance everything. You may enjoy your time at work and at home. Some new sources of income may be opened, which may help you boost your financial health.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may feel dull today. You may deal with minor health issues. You are likely to be a victim of sleeplessness, which might make you arrogant. Your irritability may affect your domestic harmony if you are not careful. Your profits may convert into losses. You are advised to think twice before doing any type of financial transaction.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel energetic. Your losses may convert to profits, which will boost your business. You may take some difficult decisions at work with the help of your subordinates. You might perform efficiently at work and your boss will support you. You can also expect to get incentives which may increase your savings.

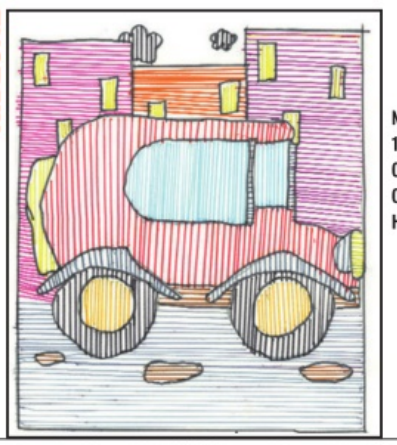
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be busy at work. You are likely to implement some new ideas in the office. You may follow rules and be ethical in your dealing with people around you, which may give you inner peace and strength.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, things are under control. You may be able to come out of yesterdays' messy situation. You may work with great patience, which may reflect into your projects and tasks. Lovebirds may plan for an outing. Students may have good focus towards their goals. Singles can find love.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel dull and unhappy. You may be a victim of mood swings, which may reflect into your domestic life. You are advised to avoid arrogance at work, otherwise you may create hidden enemies around you. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be happy. You may spread happiness all around you and feel harmony in your domestic life. You may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may support you to make some important decisions on the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in business or work.

KIDZONE



Nandita MD, 12 Years, Cluny Convent High School

Krishna M Surana, 7 Years, East West Academy

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
((3+½)²)/(2(27))
((3²)/54 = 81/54 = 3/2 or 1.5

RIDDLER Cleopatra

BULL'S EYE
adept, damp, past, paste, pasted, pate, peat, pest, spade, spat, spate, sped, stamp, STAMPED, step, tamp, tape, taped

QUOTE UNCODE
Kids who have one to one tuition are in a class of their own.

FAST FIVE

T	O	O	T	H
S	I	R	U	P
I	D	I	O	M
D	A	U	B	Y
O	R	G	A	N

STRIKE OUT

C	L	I	E	N	T	S		O	C	E	A	N		
H		C		O		A	B	E	L	E		O		
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
B: looking across, the letters jump +2, +3 in the alphabet, for example – AbcdEfghIj
Looking down, they progress +4, +5, for example – AbcdefghIj

SUDOKU

2	3	1	4	5	7	6	9	8
6	5	4	8	2	9	1	7	3
9	8	7	6	1	3	4	5	2
5	1	6	2	4	8	7	3	9
4	7	3	9	6	5	8	2	1
1	4	8	5	9	2	3	6	7
3	6	9	7	8	4	2	1	5
7	2	5	1	3	6	9	8	4
8	9	2	3	7	1	5	4	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, Ta, Rat, Tear, Later, Taller, Lateral.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 6 + 4 + 7 = 24
Medium
4 + 6 + 7 + 5 = 22
Hard
3 x 7 x 1 – 5 = 16

LOOP

KAKURO

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Wrap up
Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor Khan has completed filming for Hansal Mehta's next feature film. Kareena posted a note on Instagram and said she had a wonderful time collaborating with Mehta

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Globe-trotter

Radhika Madan on her films being screened at fests across the world

Radhika Madan has represented Indian Cinema not once but twice this year with two of her upcoming films impressing the global audience at premieres. After 'Kacchey Limbu' garnered praises and appreciation at the Tornoto International Film Festival, Radhika Madan's Sanaa has now casted its magic at the Tallin Black Nights Film Festival.

Expressing her gratitude, Radhika Madan shares, "I am truly honoured, humbled and blessed to have my work acknowledged and appreciated, not only in India but also across the globe, it is really unbelievable. It feels like just yesterday that I was at the TIFF for Kacchey Limbu and today I'm at yet another prestigious film festival representing one of the most special films of my life. I am speechless, the response has been surreal and overwhelming, I feel more excited and confident than ever for the Indian release of Sanaa now."

The talented actress marked her third International Film Festival release recently. With her first feature film Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota winning hearts and awards at the Tornoto International Film Festival, Radhika made global ripples right from the beginning of her film career. Proving her mettle yet again, Radhika's Kacchey Limbu was recently premiered at TIFF, now followed by the global premiere of Sanaa at Tallin Black Nights Film Festival.

Having wrapped five projects already this year, Radhika is now shooting for her sixth film. She has Aasman Bharadwaj's Kuttey, Kacchey Limbu, Sanaa, Soorarai Pottru's remake and Homi Adajania's next, along with Happy Teacher's Day.

—ETimes

Note to the audience

Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu shared a gratitude letter for the overwhelming response of the audience to her action thriller 'Yashoda'.

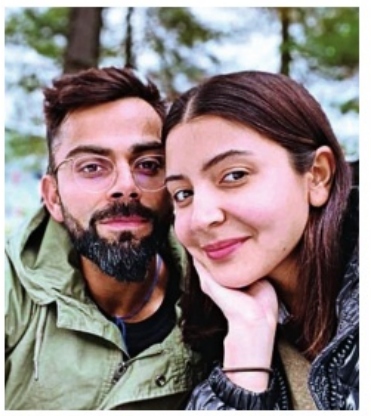
Taking to her Twitter handle, the 'O Antava' actor dropped a thank you note.

The post read, "Dear audience, Your appreciation, and love for Yashoda is the greatest gift and support that I could have ever asked for. I am overwhelmed with joy and gratitude. Hearing your whistles and seeing the celebrations at the theatres is proof that all the hard work that the entire team of Yashoda put in was all worth it! I am on cloud nine."

She also thanked the team of 'Yashoda'. "And I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone, who were involved with the making of Yashoda. I would like to especially thank the producer, Krishna Prasad gaaru, for trusting me with this project," Samantha added.

— ANI

Holiday in the hills



Star couple Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma are currently on holiday mode.

They recently headed to Uttarakhand with their daughter Vamika. Several images of the duo from the hill station have surfaced online.

The couple went to the famous Kanchi Dham along with their little one. Virat and Anushka even posed with their fans who bumped into them there.

Virat and Anushka were bundled up in cosy outfits.

Meanwhile, on the professional front, Virat recently came back to Mumbai after playing at ICC T20 World Cup in Australia. He will be back for the Test series vs Bangladesh. In Bangladesh, India will play 2 Test matches and 3 ODIs respectively. On the other hand, his wife Anushka has been shooting for 'Chakda Xpress' for a while now.

Directed by Prosit Roy, 'Chakda Xpress' is a sports biopic film based on the life of former Indian cricketer Jhulan Goswami, which will stream exclusively on Netflix.

ANI

Love is in the air

KHASAGI PUTAGALU
3 RATING ★★★☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Santosh Srikantappa
- **ACTORS** Vishwa RN, Leonilla D'Souza, Chethan Durga, Sridhar Gangavathi, Nandagopal MK, Dinesh Mangaluru, Niriksha Shetty
- **Duration** 111 minutes

It may not be an exaggeration to say Khasagi Putagalu is yet another content-oriented movie added to the list of such releases during this year. Director Santosh Srikantappa, who graduated from being a short movie director to a feature film director, has proved his mettle by handling the megaphone with aplomb.

Khasagi Putagalu begins with the camera focusing on a photo studio where two assistants are discussing their owner Surya's (Vishwa RN) skills in working behind the camera. Surya is seen riding his motorbike and occasionally visiting his friend Salim (Sridhar Gangavathi) who also specialises in making Ganesha idols. At this juncture, the director introduces a flashback to narrate the story of Surya and his friends.

Then we see how Surya falls in love with Bhoomi (Leonilla D'Souza) and how Surya and Salim assume that Bhoomi has died in an accident when the bus in which she was travelling met with a road accident.

Meanwhile, Salim happens to meet Bhoomi and explain how Surya is shocked after coming to know about the bus accident. He wants to convey to Surya that Bhoomi is alive. The climax is what happens to Salim, Surya and Bhoomi.

As far as the performance of the artistes is concerned, Vishwa and Leonilla D'Souza have vied with each other for the best acting spot.

Vishwa has put all efforts to do justice to his selection to play the lead role in this movie. If he hones up acting skills, he will be an asset for Sandalwood. Leonilla D'Souza looks cute and beautiful. Her performance in romantic scenes, especially her style of winking, is quite remarkable. If she takes acting seriously, she too has the potential to become the most sought after actress in the Kannada film industry.

Character artistes Dinesh Mangaluru and Prashanth Natana have provided good support. Sridhar Gangavathi too has acted well.

Songs are good; especially the song Aragalegi Nee is melodious. Music by Vasuki Vaibhav is good. The movie has some message to society. It emphasizes on the need for inclusivity. The scenes where a Muslim man makes Ganesha idols and donates money to help a Hindu family are the highlights of the movie.

The movie Khasagi Putagalu is worth watching for youth who crave to watch romantic movies.

—Y Maheswara Reddy